THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) During the period under reference, the CBI arrested five Engineers of Municipal Corporation of Delhi in connection with their being allegedly in possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The investigation of cases relating to "disproportionate assets" is a time consuming process as it generally involves scrutiny of voluminious documents and examination of a large number of witnesses. However, all the five arrested officials have been placed under suspension.

(e) The decision whether to move for attachment of their properties depends upon the outcome of investigation.

Officials of Delhi Administration under suspension

3238. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officials of Delhi Administration who are under suspension for the last one year on the recommendations of CBI;

(b) what is the number of officials against whom chargesheets have been filed in the courts; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue direction to the officer concerned to revoke the suspension of the officers against whom charge sheets have not been filed as yet despite the fact that more than a year had passed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There are at present 28 officials of the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi who have been under suspension for one year or more on recommendation of the Central Bureau of Investigation. Of these, Charge-sheets have been filed in the Courts against 18 officials.

(c) The suspension of Government officials is reviewed periodically and decision on revocation of suspension or otherwise is taken on merits of each case.